

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ABSTRACT

T.S. - Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Diversion of 1174.00 Ha (2900 Acres) of forest land in Damagundam RF of Hyderabad Division for setting of VLF Station / Naval Base at Pudur Village and Mandal, Ranga Reddy District in favour of Headquarters Eastern Naval Command, Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh – Final (stage-II) approval – Accorded.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT
G.O.Ms.No. 44

Dated: 19-12-2017
Read the following:

1. From PCCF, AP, Hyd. Lr Rc. No. 42436/2010-F1, Dt.21-03-2011.
2. Govt. Letter No.1980/FOR.I (1)/2011, EFS&T (For.I) Dept.
Dated: Dt.15.04.2011.
3. From Govt. of India, MoEF, New Delhi, F.No.8-46/2011-FC,
Dt.15.01.2014.
4. From PCCF, T.S., Hyd., Lr.Rc.No.42436/2010/FCA-3,
Dated:25.05.2017.
5. Govt. Letter No.1980/FOR.I (1)/2011, EFS&T (For.I) Dept.,
Dated:07.06.2017.
6. From Govt. of India, MoEF, New Delhi, F.No.8-46/2011-FC,
dt.14.11.2017.

O R D E R

In his letter 1st read above, the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), A.P., Hyderabad has furnished a proposal for diversion of 1187.50 ha.(2900 Acres) of Forest Land in Damagundam RF of Hyderabad Division for setting up VLF Station / Naval Base at Pudur Village and Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, in favour of Navy Department (HQ Eastern Naval Command Visakhapatnam).

2. In the letter 2nd read above, the proposal in para-1 above was forwarded to Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, New Delhi, for granting approval under section -2 of the Forest (C) Act, 1980.
3. In their letter 3rd read above, the Ministry of Environment & Forests GoI have granted in-principle (Stage-I) approval for the above proposal, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated thereof.
4. In the letter 5th read above, Government of Telangana have sent the report of compliance on the conditions stipulated by GoI, as submitted by the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, Telangana State, Hyderabad in his letter 4th read above, to the Ministry of Environment & Forests, New Delhi for according necessary approval.
5. In their letter 6th read above, the Central Government have granted final approval for the proposal in para 1 above, under Section 2 of the Forest (C) Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated therein. Accordingly, Government hereby accord **final (Stage-II)** approval for diversion of 1174.00 Ha (2900 Acres) of forest land in Damagundam RF of Hyderabad Division for setting of VLF Station / Naval Base at Pudur Village and Mandal, Ranga Reddy District in favour of Headquarters Eastern Naval Command, Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh under section-2 of the Forest Conservation Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:-

- i. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;

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- ii. The Compensatory Afforestation (CA) will be raised over 1174 ha. X 2=2348 ha. of degraded forest land and 1174 X 1000=11,74,000 number of plant will be planted, within three years from the issue of Stage-II clearance and thereafter maintained as per approved plan by the State Forest Department. 25% cost of CA will also be spent on Soil and Moisture Conservation (SMC) works in addition to CA with maintenance upto 10 years;
- iii. The User Agency shall pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India;
- iv. The State Government shall ensure that the user agency would leave the balance 145.76 ha. area of reserved forest as a block on one side and fence it up with their cost;
- v. The user agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if required;
- vi. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person;
- vii. Wherever possible and technically feasible, the User Agency shall undertake afforestation measures along the roads within the area diverted under this approval, in consultation with the State Forest Department at the project cost;
- viii. No labour camps shall be set up inside the forest area. Labour management plan should be submitted with emphasis that no labour camp be set up in the close vicinity of the eco-fragile and sensitive areas;
- ix. Blasting to be restricted to minimum to avoid impact on migratory birds;
- x. No damage to the flora and fauna of the area shall be caused;
- xi. Any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department;
- xii. Muck should be disposed at designated sites and not to be disposed of on downhill side;
- xiii. The user agency shall provide firewood preferably alternate fuel to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the adjacent forest areas;
- xiv. The boundary of the forest land diverted for non-forest purpose shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, forward and back bearing and GPS coordinates distance from pillar to pillar;
- xv. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal;
- xvi. All other conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval for which undertakings have been submitted should be complied with strictly;

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- xvii. The user agency shall submit the annual self compliance report in respect of the above conditions to the State Government, concerned Regional Office and this Ministry by the end of March every year regularly;
- xviii. Any other condition that the Concerned Regional Office of this Ministry, may stipulate, from time to time, in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife; and
- xix. The State Government and user agency shall comply the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order (s) and NGT Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.

6. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad shall take necessary action, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF),
Telangana State, Hyderabad.

Copy to:

The The Commodore, Chief Staff Officer (P &A),
HQ Eastern Naval Command, Visakhapatnam (User Agency).

The Sr. Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC),
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SECTION OFFICER